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Dear Commissioners:

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The postal workers have asked us, the public, to contact you to express our views regarding proposed new changes in the postal services before they become laws on the June 22nd deadline.

The vast workforce of loyal, career U.S. Postal Service workers are more aware than anyone of the dire consequences that changes foisted upon the service by Louis DeJoy have wrought since his appointment. If I, as an informed user of the postal service for over 70 years, and as an admirer and appreciator of the hard work and dedication of postal workers (even though I do not personally know any and am not related to any), am aware of these egregious changes and their dire consequences, then I must assume that you members of the Postal Regulatory Commission are also aware of them and that I need not list them.

Mr. DeJoy is planning further devastating changes to the U.S. Postal Service that we have come to know and love over the decades, as you well know. Also, as you well know, Mr. DeJoy received his appointment as Postmaster General because of his large partisan donations, not because he possesses any experience or qualifications for the job, and in fact he had/has investments in companies which would profit by the decreased functioning of the U.S. Postal Service. Hopefully it will not be too long until some legal method is found to replace Mr. DeJoy with someone who is qualified and dedicated to excellent postal service – someone from the ranks.

I am writing specifically before June 22nd to express my strong opposition to further proposed changes in postal laws such as the indiscriminate closing of post offices, slowdown of delivery of 1st class mail, and decrease of hours of service. Surely, if changes are needed to increase the efficiency and meet financial challenges, these proposals should arise from an experienced group of informed regulators such as yourselves, with input from the rank and file – not from an inexperienced partisan appointee who has only the demise of this time-honored USPS as his goal.

Thank you for your serious attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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